



## Weekly Calendar May 16-24, 2026

### Saturday, 5/16

5:30p Holy Communion

### Sunday, 5/17

7:45a Holy Communion

9-10a Sunday School &

Adult Bible Study

10:15a Holy Communion

### Monday, 5/18

Pastor Hayter's Day Off

### Tuesday, 5/19

1-4p Quilters' Guild

6:30p Women's Christian

Ministry Meeting

### Wednesday, 5/20

10:00a Adult Bible Study  
at Cedarhurst

7p Adult Choir

8:05p Agape Ringers

### Thursday, 5/21

2-7p Quilters' Guild

7:00p Church Council

Meeting

### Saturday, 5/23

5:30p Holy Communion

### Sunday, 5/24

7:45a Holy Communion

9-10a Sunday School &

Adult Bible Study

10:15a Holy Communion

the narthex before or after the service and grab a set of coasters, a garden flag or a prayer cross, or one of each! Any freewill donations received will be put toward our anniversary projects.

**REMINDER:** Please notify the church office or Pastor Hayter with any illnesses or upcoming surgeries so that we can add you or your loved one to the public prayer list. You can always contact him to schedule an appt (734-625-1023). Pastor Hayter's day off is Monday.

**COLLECTIONS:** Our on-going collection of non-perishable food items supports the Bi-County Backpack Program. Place your donations in the box in the narthex. The Board of Community Care is supporting Hope Food Pantry during May. Items needed include non-perishable food and cleaning supplies.

**SUNDAY TREATS:** Stop by the treat table located in the narthex! Thank you to all who have continued to provide treats on Sunday mornings. And thank you to all who make a donation! Want to sign up to provide treats? See the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Looking for a few volunteers (men and women) who are able to take members to and from doctor's

## Our Weekly Announcements

**BAPTISM:** We welcome Louise Kirkley Gunn into God's family through the washing of Holy Baptism during the 10:15 a.m. service this weekend. Louise's parents are Ian & Alicia nee Kirkley Gunn. Her sponsors are Scott & April Kirkley and Julie Marth. May God bless & keep you in all of your ways, Louise!

### CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES:

During each of our services this weekend, we recognize and honor all of our members who graduated or will be graduating from high school or college in our prayers. *Be sure to see the June monthly newsletter for more details of their future plans and pictures of the graduates.* Some of those graduating include **Ava Hemmer, Nicholas Hoeffken, Charli Major, Maddy Prather & Kaden Roberts** from Waterloo High School; **Kadin LaRue** from Seckman High School; **Jenna Hoeffken & Autumn Whelan** from Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) each with her Early Childhood Education degree; and **Ian Schrader** from the University of Illinois with his engineering degree.

**THANK YOU:** My children and I want to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, comforting words and the love that you have shared with us throughout Gina's illness and her funeral services. We also extend our gratitude for the many donations of cards, flowers, gifts and food. (1 Chronicles 16:34) *Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures FOREVER.*—Don Birrittieri

**125TH ANNIVERSARY ITEMS:** Several anniversary items are available! Stop by

appointments or the grocery store from time to time. If you are able to do this, please call or text Susan Starbuck (618.920.8511).

**EVERY-HOUSEHOLD VISITATIONS:** Part of being a pastor is getting to know the sheep and guiding them along life's way. With this goal in mind, Pastor Hayter is undertaking an every-household visitation for Immanuel members over this year. This includes families, couples, and those who live alone. This can be a visit and/or meal in your home or a meeting at church. Use the QR code or call Lisa in the office to schedule your visit/meeting. It's gonna be great!



**VBS ITEMS NEEDED:** See the insert in your bulletin for a list of items needed. Please drop off any donated items in the church office by May 30th.

**VBS WORK DAYS ARE COMING UP:** Join us on several days to help construct, cut out, and prepare various decorations. The first one will be **Saturday, May 30th from 9 a.m.—4 p.m.** Others will be held during June 8-14. Watch bulletins for those days/times.

**FAITH. FAMILY. FELLOWSHIP:** Join us for a Families Retreat at Camp Wartburg on **June 5-7, 2026!** This year's retreat theme will be "Christian Marriage". Pastor Hayter will teach on topics including: Biblical Foundations of Marriage, Duties of Husbands and Wives, Reconciliation, and Common Marriage Pitfalls. Come ready to learn, grow, and PLAY for only \$100 for the whole family! **See the special insert, and register today by using the QR code!**

**OUTDOOR SERVICE:** Join us for our annual Outdoor service at Camp Wartburg on Sunday, June 7th, at 10:15 a.m. The Board of Evangelism is hosting a fellowship lunch right after this service. There will be a regular service on Saturday, June 6th, at 5:30 p.m. but there will not be any Sunday school or Bible study classes on June 7th.

**VBS IS COMING:** See the insert to register and to volunteer! **June 15-19.** It's going to be a super fun week as we take a "Tropical Trek" with Jesus!

**CONFIRMATION CAMP:** Coming this summer! **July 20-22, 2026.** A fun 3-day camp for 5th-8th grade catechumens held at Camp Wartburg. Held from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. each day and lunch will be provided. **See the special insert for all the details! Use the QR code to register today!**

## Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

16 Carson Black  
 Georgia Wynn  
 17 Rich Bachelier  
 18 Henrik Bradley  
 Quinn Menke  
 20 Jody Matzenbacher  
 21 Emma Jones  
 22 Aidan Kubelka  
 23 Kaden Roberts  
 24 David Broske  
 Elise Eggemeyer  
 John Patterson  
 Mitchell Scheibe

### Anniversaries:

16 Mike & Marsha Voges (45)  
 17 Mark & Dawn Garner (46)  
 18 Mike & Stacy Hemmer (24)  
 21 Ken & Nancy Schanz (49)

## Our Attendance

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>
Saturday 5:30	48	53
Sunday 7:45	72	81
Sunday 10:15	<u>92</u>	<u>95</u>
	212	229

2026 avg. weekly attendance: 221

### Sunday School/Bible Classes:

PreK-8th	39	\$2.45
HS & Adults	<u>27</u>	
	66	

## Next Weekend

**The Day of Pentecost**  
 Gen. 11:1-9; Psalm 143;  
 Acts 2:1-21; John 14:23-31

## Sunday School:

May—Immanuel Youth Group

## Visit Our Website:

Need more info about our Preschool, upcoming events, Bible studies? View our calendar for our events and our live services or past worship services, too.

[immanuelwaterloo.org](http://immanuelwaterloo.org)

## Keep Collecting Those Plastic Lids:

Please drop them off in the large basket in the narthex. Benefits the JB VA Hospital.

## In Our Prayers...

*Please continue to pray for our congregation and preschool and those listed below...*

**We pray for our shut-in and homebound members:** Nina Binder, Helen Clamors, Marie Dietzel, Marvin & Carolyn Henry, Judy Hitzemann, Leroy & Wanda Horn, Beverly Jarvis, Pat Jones, Gloria Knoke, Charlie & Phyllis Lloyd, Sandy Moore (MS), Kathy Netzeband, Edith Orsech, Willa Mae Prange, Arnold Prigge (going through cancer treatments), Jackie Prigge, Mary Ann Wolf, Georgia Wynn

**We pray for our members who are hospitalized, recovering from or dealing with ongoing health issues:** Chris Morris (ALS & Non-Hodgkin lymphoma), Ken Schanz (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), Cathy Whelan (Multiple Myeloma, in remission), Michael Evers (autoimmune disorder & seizures), Cindy O'Brien (immunodeficiency disorder & fibromyalgia), Don Birrittier (recovering from hip replacement surgery, Rodney Clamors (recovering from foot surgery), John Patterson (recovering from open heart surgery)

**We pray for friends and relatives of members who are dealing with various health issues:** Michael Washausen, Nina Van Kamp (undergoing chemo, stage 4 cancer), Sarah Castelli, Brian Kreher (brain tumor), Gary Hayes (infection), Nate Gifford (cancer), Evelyn Marquardt (cancer), Beth Kilpatrick (breast cancer), Kenny Altschuh (stroke), Fern Kinzinger (various health issues), Caleb Cottner (leukemia), Heather Sensel (kidney trouble), Dakota Carner (accident recovery), Jim Horn (colon cancer), Linda Land (cancer), Rhonda Whelan (heart transplant surgery recovery), Robert L. Hoffmann (various health issues), Milini Holmes, Homer Kerr (hospice)

**We pray for those in the service of our nation:** Alex Naumann, London Schefft (Air Force), Hunter Kelling (Navy), Sam & Isabelle Rick (Air Force), Justin Woodcock (Navy)

**We pray for our missionaries and special missions:** Unity Lutheran Elementary School (E. St. Louis, IL)

## Weekly Bible Studies & Sunday School Classes

### For All Adults:

- Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Hayter's 2-week study (5/24 & 5/31) held in the multipurpose room. The summer Bible study begins on 6/14.
- Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Held at Cedarhurst (526 Legacy Dr) in Waterloo. *The Book of Mark* led by Bob Kassel.

### For Preschool—High School:

- Preschool—4th grades: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement. The Preschool-2nd grade classes are led by April Kirkley, Millie Powers, Tracy & Doug Simms, Jenny Dori & Jenna Hoeffken, and Melissa Wiegand leads the 3rd-4th grade class.
- 5th-6th grades: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Led by Wendy Maag & Seminarian Seth Weinberg in the conference room. The summer Bible study begins on 6/14.
- 7th-8th grades: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Come join Alan Stumpf & Greg Wiegand in the overflow room for a study of *Acts of Christian Teaching & Servanthood*, as found in the Book of Acts. The summer Bible study begins on 6/14.
- High school: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the youth room led by Jason Valerius.

## Life Thoughts...Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Israelites, through their idolatry, profaned God's holy name. Yet in Ezekiel 36, God acts, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to bring the sinner back to Himself through repentance and faith. He cleanses them from every uncleanness and gives them a new heart. The sin of abortion profanes God's holy name. But there is hope and healing in Christ for those who have been haunted by the sin of abortion. Like the psalmist, the sinner cries out, "Have mercy on me, O God ... wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!" (Psalm 51). And He does. Through the blood of Jesus Christ, sin is covered, forgiveness is given, and life is restored. As those who have received "the Spirit of Truth" (John 15), we endeavor to speak the truth about life issues, to uphold the value and dignity of human life, and to "keep loving one another earnestly," since "the end of all things is at hand" (1 Peter 4).